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Financial News Is Not Too Bad; 2016 Budget Is Likely a Replay

by Kathleen Gallagher

On Wednesday, January 28 the Greenbelt City Council met for the quarterly meeting with City Manager Michael McLaughlin where he updated council about ongoing administrative matters. Many items were housekeeping affairs, status of project reports and requests from councilmembers. Another feature of the first update meeting of the calendar year included a preview of next year's budget as manager and staff move into the weeks before McLaughlin presents his proposed Fiscal Year 2016 budget at a late-March council meeting.

Mid-Year Report

As background for next year's budget, City Treasurer Jeffrey Williams presented his December 2014 financial report, which includes the first six months of the current fiscal year. Williams said overall that the city is in a good mid-year position.

Revenues are up somewhat, he

said, representing 75 percent of revenues budgeted for FY 2014, compared with 73.3 percent a year ago. Williams identified two factors with the biggest effect: additional tax income (about \$53,000) related to new townhouses occupied in the South Core of Greenbelt Station, the other a reduction in requests for real estate tax abatements. Williams thinks the city may be getting close to hitting the bottom of the drop in commercial real estate, although he expects tax abatement requests to continue for FY 2016 taxes.

In addition, income tax revenue is up. Revenues from traffic cameras, both red light and speed, have increased. Workers' compensation claims have been \$30,000 lower than budgeted and other insurance costs are lower as well. The lower costs of gasoline and diesel fuel alone have resulted in about \$80,000 in savings.

Wrong Direction

Among the few items moving in the wrong direction are admission and amusement taxes, which were \$48,800 this year compared with \$58,800 a year ago. These taxes are largely comprised of theater revenues in Greenbelt. Williams noted that the opening of the new theaters in Laurel Town Center may be drawing patrons away from those in Beltway Plaza.

Councilmember Judith Davis commented that when the city has money it describes as savings or surplus in a given budget, this means only that less must be taken from the fund balance, not necessarily that there are additional funds that can or should be spent. She added that in the state budget Governor Hogan has presented, he has cut back to two-years-ago levels in State Highway User fees returned to

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Council Touches Base with City Advisory Boards and Committees

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council's scheduled worksession with the chairpersons of the 15 city advisory boards and committees was held on Wednesday, February 4. Nearly all boards and committees were represented by the chairpersons or other representatives. Only the city's Ethics Commission and the Employee Relations Board were not represented. Mayor Emmett Jordan opened the meeting expressing appreciation by the city and its citizens for their service on the boards and committees and for their work on important city issues and programs. All told nearly 104 Greenbelt citizens participate on advisory boards and committees, he said. Council generally meets with their chairpersons at least once a year and Jordan started proceedings by asking each chair or representative to provide an update on their activities and any issues they may have.

Public Safety

Laura Kressler, chair of the Public Safety Advisory Committee, reported its major activities during the past year which included emergency/disaster preparedness and trail marker signage within Greenbelt Lake Park providing directions and telephone numbers for emergency assistance. She noted the signs placed on Crescent Road and Southway with directions to the police department and fire house. The committee

has also developed a brochure outlining its activities and has received received several other council referrals during the year concerning public safety issues.

Education

Next up was Susan Breon, chair of the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). She used the opportunity to announce that the committee recently met with the relocated Robert Goddard French Immersion School at the old Greenbelt Middle School building and added it to the schools served by ACE. ACE meets regularly with the principals and Parent Teacher Associations of schools that serve Greenbelt students.

She also noted the recent council approval of the ACE 2015 grant awards to Greenbelt schools, totaling \$9,300. Competitive grants up to \$500 are awarded to schools based on merit, she said. ACE also sponsors annual recognition awards for outstanding students and educators from Greenbelt schools.

City Elections

Kathleen Gallagher, standing in for Pamela Gregory, chair of the city Elections Board, provided a brief report relating mainly to the upcoming 2015 city elections in November. The board assures preparations for and conduct of the biennial city elections. Gallagher noted that there may be

a change in the voting machines provided by the county that are used in city elections.

Arts

Tatiana Ausema, chair of the Arts Advisory Board (AAB) reported the committee is preparing for its annual role in reviewing requests from city recognition and contribution groups for financial support as part of the city's budget process, which is just getting underway for the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. She noted that annual requests have been submitted by most participating groups. The AAB also considers applications for recognition and contributions group status.

The board is also responsible for development of Public Arts Policy, which now includes performance arts and sculpture gardens and was applied to recent proposals relating to artistic signage for the Three Sisters Gardens on city property. The board, she said, is also considering a proposal to use a tree trunk near the entrance to the Community Center for public sculpture.

Trees

Charles Jackman, chair of the Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT), noted that its principal duty is to advise council on the health of trees on city property and to promote the good health

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PHOTO BY CHARIS PANNELL

University of Maryland journalism students (from left) Erica Bonelli, 19, Alexi Worley, 20, Jacob Bell, 20, Devin Tucker, 20, Eli Zimmerman, 20, and Naema Ahmed, 20, along with Karen Tang, 22 (not pictured) attended the News Review's student orientation on Saturday, February 7.

Student Orientation Informs UMD Aspiring Journalists

by Charis Pannell

On Saturday, February 7, News Review staff, Greenbelt City Council members and University of Maryland journalism students filled the Community Meeting Room at the Community Center for the paper's spring semester student orientation.

The orientation, which has been held once per semester for the past few years, utilizes an audio-visual presentation to acquaint student writers with the News Review's history as well as its policies for writing and submitting stories.

This year's orientation drew seven students: Alexi Worley, Devin Tucker, Eli Zimmerman, Erica Bonelli, Naema Ahmed, Jacob Bell and Karen Tang. All are enrolled in the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the university.

During the event, News Review Editor Mary Lou Williamson; Ad Desk Representative Sylvia Lewis; staff members Mary Moien, Amy Hansen, Tim Cohen-Mitchell and Karl Hille and Councilmembers Judith Davis and Leta Mach joined in on discussions of the goals and needs of the paper.

Davis and Mach also informed students of council's willingness to answer questions for future stories. Davis, who highlighted

the ways students could contact council, also advised students to do their homework and make use of the city's website, greenbeltmd.gov.

Another main theme discussed was the goal to expand news coverage beyond the area around Roosevelt Center and into Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West. Though students were given the opportunity to sign up for stories and to tour Roosevelt Center during the orientation, Hansen, Cohen-Mitchell and Hille expressed the need for students to cover and pitch news stories from all parts of the city.

The Students

Alexi Worley, from Gaithersburg, is a sophomore with a minor in archaeology and art history. Her love of writing began when she was young. "As a kid I wanted to create stories as a novelist," she said. "However, as I got older I came to realize that the world itself is the best storyteller, and so I fell in love with journalism." Worley hopes to work as an investigative journalist, writing long-form pieces for publications like The New Yorker.

Devin Tucker is a sophomore from Baltimore who enjoys

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What Goes On

Saturday, February 14

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop Off, Parking lot behind Municipal Building

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Eco Steward Discovery Day, Springhill Lake Food Forest (See city ad for details.)

Monday, February 16

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ecological Restoration Workday, Buddy Attick Park (See city ad for details.)

Wednesday, February 18

7:30 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Briefing on Greenbelt Station, Community Center

Stay up-to-date on local events with the Community Calendar at GreenbeltNewsReview.com/calendar.

Letters to the Editor

GIVES, Time Bank

This reply is in response to the February 5 letter to the editor by Janet Jacobs-Parker concerning GIVES and the Greenbelt Time Bank. It is intended to address the idea that the Greenbelt Time Bank is an identical organization to GIVES and is therefore unnecessary. In fact, GIVES and the Time Bank are not identical but “complementary” organizations and we do share a common goal, that of “neighbor helping neighbor.”

The differences between the two organizations are in both structure and operation. While GIVES is often a “one way street” provision of services, the Time Bank is a “two way road.” That is, GIVES volunteers provide services to members who cannot perform necessary functions themselves. In turn those receiving services can sometimes perform services as well.

Time Bank members provide and receive some services that they could perform themselves or would otherwise pay others to perform. Time Bank members can and do volunteer for GIVES and recipients of GIVES services can join the Time Bank. All of us have something to offer other people and the Time Bank encourages members to offer skills, knowledge and experience that will benefit others.

Simply put, the Time Bank uses hours instead of currency. It is also predicated on the idea that an hour of time providing one type of service is equal to an hour of time performing any other service. Weeding a garden is equal in substance to driving someone to the airport. The Time Bank is also web-based, with no office staff needed to match people. The Time Bank is self-service, where members arrange exchanges with one another.

Before the Time Bank was even established, the founders attended several GIVES meetings and discussed the differences in the two concepts, as well as the ways that GIVES and the Time Bank could work on common goals and support each other. We discovered that both groups started from the same origins, in the work of Edgar Kahn.

Yes, we agree that the “wheel is not broken” and the Time Bank is not trying to “fix” anything. It does, however, provide another “wheel” so our community can move forward in giving all of us an opportunity to help others and receive help.

Jean Cook,
GIVES;
Lore Rosenthal,
Greenbelt Time Bank

Preserve Historic Greenbelt Theater

The old Greenbelt theater always has been one of the most important buildings in Greenbelt, for showing films and for many other community purposes. Its historical presence was important enough for the city to save it, acquire it and take steps to renovate it. I was very pleased to see that the city was going forward with plans to bring the projection equipment up to date and make repairs where needed as well as changes to make the theater space

more accessible.

Keeping up on the progress of the renovations, I read with interest “Council Considers Proposals for Management of Theater,” in the News Review of January 8. Three organizations submitted proposals: Greenbelt Cinema, Inc., P&G Theaters, Inc., and Friends of the Greenbelt Theater (FOGT). All three were to be prepared to begin theater operations at this time, and to be familiar with the history and operation of the theater.

One very significant issue was missing in all three proposals: How they would keep the historic integrity of the theater in a historic town? As a history buff and a theater patron here for many years, I think that integrity should be number one! Apparently, city council and the manager’s staff didn’t agree, because the issue never came up.

In the article, “Friends of Greenbelt Theater Selected as Theater Operator,” (News Review January 29), I noted that City Manager Michael McLaughlin had no recommendations to offer on the proposals but referred the council to his January 9 memo, which advised council to select the vision and approach which in their view best balanced these three points:

1. Can they succeed economically?
2. Do they come closest to what the council sees for the theater and the community?
3. Do they envision the level of city support that the council is comfortable in providing?

I was shocked by the coun-

cil’s choice but I shouldn’t have been. Considering the comments reported in the article, no one was ready to vote! Rodney Roberts pointed this out, but Judith Davis moved that council select FOGT, even before discussion was completed. Since no one had a real preference, the vote was unanimous!

This brings me back to my main concern, the historical status of the theater. The Washington Post’s Prince George’s Extra feature on July 13, 2000, was “Threatened Landmark.” The point was that “The Old Greenbelt Theater is an art-deco-era relic with only one screen that stands out in a multiplex world.” The theater is a museum in its own right. The outer lobby contains pictures of former local movie houses that have been lost to time; the inner lobby has old movie posters and a 1930’s projector from the former Wineland Highland Theater on Capitol Hill. It contains a wonderful wallpaper montage of classic film stars.

Greenbelt’s 25th Anniversary Booklet, 1937-1962, page 19, states that “It stands as the first cooperative movie. It opened its doors on Wednesday, September 21, 1938.”

Our Greenbelt theater is a historic treasure in a historic town. It is one of the last, if not the last, remaining single-screen theater in Prince George’s County. As we patrons take our roomy and comfortable seats (with no need for squashing or climbing), then art-deco-style lighting softly

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"HOLD ON, I'VE IDENTIFIED THE FLYING OBJECT!"

Toastmasters to Meet Wednesday, Feb. 18

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will be on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., in the Social Hall of the Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads.

The Social Hall is at the rear of the building on the lower level of the main building.



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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

This week's Swifty . . .

"I'm beat, we must have done emission tests on every single bus in the city," he said e _ _ _ _ _ edly."



Last Week's Swifty: "Please take off your armor before you come to bed," Guinevere reminded Lancelot NIGHTLY.



We have money for you!

The Greenbelt Community Foundation invites Non-profit groups and the general public to attend a Grant Writing Workshop on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Grant Applications are due on Wednesday, April 15th

Forms and Tips are available @ www.greenbeltfoundation.net

Community Events

MakerSpace Repair Café, Fundraiser

There was a huge turnout for the MakerSpace Open House held on Sunday, January 25 where visitors enjoyed several project demonstrations. While some tried out the 3D printer, others watched scrolling scenes of Greenbelt taken with an infrared camera. Many new guests asked about a membership plan and learned that there are no fees for using the activity center, a true community resource.

The Greenbelt MakerSpace has two special events this month. The public is invited to enjoy the Presidents Day holiday at a free fundraising event hosted at Franklin’s Restaurant, Brewery and General Store in Hyattsville on Monday, February 16. Customers simply mention Greenbelt MakerSpace at checkout and the management will donate 20 percent of the check to support MakerSpace programs.

The first Repair Café of the new year is scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At this free event, volunteers will staff several different stations equipped with tools and resources to repair clothing, appliances, computers, jewelry, furniture and small motor equipment. Guests can choose to work with the volunteer to learn valuable skills or simply relax in the social area.

Coming soon will be a new series of class offerings targeted to grown-ups: Robotics, soldering, power tools, gardening and an experimental series of projects called D.I.Y.

Volunteers interested in leading a project or class can sign up at makerspace125.org or stop in at Greenbelt MakerSpace at 125 Centerway.

– George Boyce

Investment Club Seeks Members

The Goddard Investment Club, a group of amateur investors who discuss and invest in stocks, is seeking new members interested in meeting the second Monday of the month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 9.

For more information email goddard@bivio.com.

GHI Notes

Thursday, February 12, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session), Board Room

Friday, February 13, Offices Closed, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011

Monday, February 16, Offices Closed (Presidents Day)

Tuesday, February 17, 8:30 a.m. Yardlines Committee Meeting, GHI Library

Tuesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m. Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Tuesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m., Historic Preservation Task Force Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday February 18, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, February 19, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, February 19, 7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

GCF Grant Writing Workshop Feb. 19

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) will host a Grant Writing workshop for non-profit groups and the general public on Thursday, February 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center.

Widowed Persons Support Group

Men and women who have recently lost their spouses are invited to a free support group conducted by the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service (PWPS).

The group will meet once each week for six weeks starting Thursday, February 19 at the Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive. Each session will run from 2 to 4 p.m. Registration is required before the group starts. The group is open to all widowed persons in Prince George’s County regardless of age, race or religious belief.

Trained volunteers who have also been widowed will conduct the sessions. The participants share personal experiences, exchange information and discuss published materials prepared by bereavement specialists.

In the past, persons dealing with their new circumstances after losing a spouse have received great benefits from the insights, emotional support, practical information and friendships within such groups.

To register and for more information and directions, call 301-577-4312 or 301-483-8202. PWPS and its services were originally sponsored by the American Association for Retired Persons and now by the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and other community organizations.

Soccer Players Needed for Courses

Greenbelt Soccer is hosting soccer coach training courses at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, February 28 (rain date March 7). The courses are led by a U.S. Soccer Federation A or B licensed coach from the Maryland State Youth Soccer Association and offer an introduction to coaching at the U6, U8, U10 and U12 ages through both classroom and field instruction. The club is seeking players at the U6 and U8 ages to participate at 11 a.m. in the field session for the morning course (Youth Module I) and players at the U10 age at 3 p.m. for the afternoon course (Youth Module II). The players will be coached by the instructor to demonstrate to the trainee coaches some recommended methods of youth soccer coaching.

To sign up a player, participate in the training or ask questions, email dnwhiteman@greenbelt-soccer.org. Coaches interested in registering for a course may access the registration link at greenbeltsoccer.org.

Local Blood Drives

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will hold a blood drive on Monday, February 16 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at 6900 Greenbelt Road. There is also a blood drive at the University of Maryland Stamp Student Union Building 162, College Park on Tuesday, February 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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by Bruce Norris

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WEEK OF FEB. 13

FRIDAY – SUNDAY

Fifty Shades of Grey, R (!) *
10:40, 11:40, 1:30, 2:30, 4:20, 5:15,
7:10, 8:15, 9:50
Kingsman, R (!) *
10:35, 1:20, 4:10, 7, 9:50
Sponge Bob: Out of the Water, in 3D,
PG (!!)
1:25, 4:50,
Sponge Bob: Out of the Water, in 2D,
PG (!!)
11, 12:15, 1:45, 2:30, 4:15, 6:30,
7:20, 9:30
Jupiter Ascending, PG-13 (!!)
10:40, 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:50
Seventh Son, in 3D, PG-13 (!!)
3:50, 9:40
Seventh Son, in 2D, PG-13 (!!)
11:10, 1:50, 7:10
Black or White, PG-13
10:50, 4:05, 7, 9:45
American Sniper, R
9:35

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

McFarland, PG (!)
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Hot Tub Time Machine, R (!)
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Utopia Film Festival Presents
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Obituaries

Glenna Aaron

Glenna Aaron died on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. She was born in Great Den, Kan., on May 19, 1945.

Ms. Aaron was a long-time resident of Greenbelt East. She lived on Canning Terrace since 1978. One of the original members of the Greenbelt Dog Park, she loved animals of all kinds but especially beagles.

She was a registered nurse for many years at Children's Hospital and in 2005 began work as a utilization review nurse at George Washington University Hospital.

She is survived by her siblings: Linda Ricker of Idaho, Marlena Leistery of Nebraska and Ronnie Aaron of Virginia, along with 10 nieces and nephews and many grandnieces and grandnephews.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 31 at St. Hugh's Church.



40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil to Begin

A 40 Days for Life prayer vigil at the Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic will begin on Wednesday, February 18 and continue through March 29. The clinic is located at 5915 Greenbelt Road.

Questions may be addressed to Tom Trunk at 240-593-6932.

Two Breast Cancer Support Groups

On Tuesday, February 17 from 7 to 9 p.m., Doctors Community Hospital will hold breast cancer support groups for men and women. The group for male caregivers will be on the 5th floor of the North Building at 8100 Good Luck Road. This group is facilitated by men whose loved ones are breast cancer survivors. The second group is for women who are newly diagnosed or recovering from breast cancer, on the 4th floor of the North Building.

Call to receive a free breast care educational brochure. Registration for either group is required by calling 301-324-4968.

Greenbelt Community Church Tackles Hunger

by Jim Link

Before the Seahawks and the Patriots took to the field in Phoenix, Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, celebrated a different annual event: the Souper Bowl of Caring. The program is a nationwide, multi-denominational event organized by Church World Service that seeks to raise funds and feed the hungry. In the last 25 years, more than \$100 million has been raised for local charities through the Souper Bowl of Caring, transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

On Sunday, February 1, members of the church kicked off the month by donating more than a shopping cart full of food—29 bags — for the local “Help by Phone” food pantry at Ber-



wyn Presbyterian Church. Later in the week, more than 300 canned goods were donated by students and staff at Greenbelt Elementary School. These food donations, in addition to cash donations that go to Church World Service, provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need. “I want to thank Chair Marty Folk for helping to lead our team on the fight to tackle hunger,” said Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff.

As part of this special event, donations are accepted through February at the church office. The Community Church, as well as other congregations in the area, collect food year-round to support neighbors in need. The food pantry is especially in need of dry cereal, canned fruit, peanut butter and baby food.



PHOTO BY JIM LINK

Donations of non-perishable food may be dropped off at the Greenbelt Community Church office through the month of February.

Reel & Meal Film and Discussion

On Monday, February 16 at 7 p.m. Pay 2 Play: Democracy's High Stakes will be the feature of the “Reel & Meal at the New Deal” Cafe series.

This free film follows filmmaker John Ennis's quest to find a way out from under the “Pay 2 Play” system, wherein politicians reward their donors with large sums from the public treasury through contracts, tax cuts and deregulation. Discussion afterward will focus on the film as a guide to how Maryland citizens can take back democracy. It will be led by activists in a current campaign pitched at senators and delegates in Annapolis.

Along the way of presenting its main message, Pay 2 Play journeys through high drama on the Ohio campaign trail, uncovers the secret history of the game Monopoly and explores the underworld of Los Angeles street art on a humorous odyssey that

reveals how much of a difference one person can make.

Activists Susan Ogden, Mary Ernsberger and Herb Ettel will report on the statewide movement promoting a federal constitutional amendment, one to establish that corporations are not people and money is not speech.

The Reel & Meal series is a collaboration of three Greenbelt groups concerned about social justice, environmental and animal rights issues: Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition.

For more about this month's program contact justpeacepg@earthlink.net or 301-577-2350. For more on the film go to www.pay2play.tv.

For background on the statewide campaign, see getmoneyout-md.org and marylandamend.org.

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Letters

leads our way. Classical and show music entertain us until the show begins – thankfully on a BIG screen. It is a pleasing and relaxing experience. The theater has always provided space for community activities and programs and should continue to do so. The open space it provides should not be chopped up to provide additional screens or other supposed amenities.

Our family has always enjoyed this theater, beginning in the early 1940’s. We particularly loved the art films that Paul Sanchez provided, as did many others in Greenbelt and surrounding communities. Greenbelt was an oasis from the area movie theaters that show all the same films at the same time – with no variety. Some of our favorites enjoyed at Greenbelt have been Whale Rider, Mao’s Last Dancer and the earlier Japanese version of Shall We Dance?

Since renovation began, we have had to go to the Cinema Arts Theater all the way over in Fairfax, Va., to see exceptional films such as these. We would much prefer to continue seeing them right at home in Greenbelt, on a screen big enough to match the grandeur of the film.

It is up to our town to preserve the historical character of the old Greenbelt theater. Once it is lost, it can never be recovered. Historic preservation should be a specific element in the draft contract for operating our theater. Once the theater is open again, under any leadership, we all need to help it become – and remain – successful. It’s that important!

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Sympathy to Margaret Bowen of Westway and her sister Sheila Rice on the death of their older brother, Charles E. “Mike” Jarvis, a longtime Hyattsville resident. Mr. Jarvis died on his 96th birth-

day, February 4, 2015, at the Sacred Heart Home in Hyattsville.

Congratulations to Rev. Glen-nyce K. Grindstaff who was installed as Pastor of Greenbelt Community Church on February 8, 2015.

To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at news-review@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892

– Kathleen McFarland

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City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 16-20

Wednesday, February 18 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, February 18 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION-Briefing on Greenbelt Station** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

All meetings listed are open to the public. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, in observance of Presidents’ Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of February 16

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday

Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday

Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, February 20.

OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR GREENBELT CARES FAMILY COUNSELING

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Tree Protection Ecological Restoration Workday
Monday, February 16, from 10 am - 1 pm
Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road
Volunteers will protect remnant forests from (1) English ivy by removing it from trees with hand shears and (2) beaver herbivory by placing wire caging around slow-growth tree trunks

Eco Steward Discovery Day
February 14 from 10 am - 1 pm
Springhill Lake Food Forest
6101 Cherrywood Lane
Volunteers and Eco Stewards (children ages 5-9) will work together this Valentine’s Day, Saturday, to label the plants and build terrariums by reusing 2 liter plastic bottles.

Anyone who is interested in participating is asked to RSVP to Erin Josephitis at (240) 542-2168 or Volunteer@CHEARS.org.



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of Greenbelt’s trees. ACT also promotes the celebration of Arbor Day in Greenbelt and he noted that the celebration this year will be separated from Earth Day, occurring at the end of March.

Another program supported by ACT is the designation of “significant” trees in Greenbelt and recommended care and support for their survival. Finally, Jackman noted the committee’s ongoing concern regarding the potential damage to Greenbelt trees adjacent to roadways from the application of road salts during winter storms. He said the Public Works Department is evaluating a new (more expensive) chemical for use at Roosevelt Center.

Senior Citizens

Brenda Cooley, representing the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, described the group as very active, with ideas helpful for Greenbelt seniors. Their main activity, she said, is conducting an annual senior forum including selected presentations targeting seniors and an opportunity for Greenbelt seniors to identify issues they would like to see addressed.

Youth

Kate Cavigelli, chair of the Youth Advisory Committee, described its focus on issues relating to children, youth and families. A current issue involves placement of improved pedestrian signage or crosswalks at the intersection of Crescent Road and Westway where one roadside is without sidewalks.

Judith Davis and fellow councilmembers also noted the council’s support for Cavigelli’s at-

tendance at last year’s National League of Cities (NLC) Annual Conference. At the conference, Cavigelli learned what other cities are doing in the area of youth programs and saw how the NLC develops youth policies and programs.

Sustainability

John Lippert, chair of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES), reported on its activities. As the largest advisory group in the city with 12 committee members and other citizens active as a “Green Team,” they deal with everything relating to the natural environment in Greenbelt, including water quality, recycling, waste disposal, storm water, energy conservation, alternative fuels and, in general, maintaining environmental sustainability in the city. The committee played a key role assisting city staff in the development of Greenbelt’s Sustainability Framework Document.

Another issue addressed included a council request to address so-called stream remediation within or near Greenbelt to compensate for allowed developments outside of Greenbelt, such as for the Konterra development in North Laurel. He also noted a possible opportunity to partner with Montgomery County on a Solar City project and a possible project relating to electric vehicle charging stations.

Appeals

Steve Skolnik, chair of the city’s Board of Appeals, provided the briefest report since they had no appeals during the past year.

Park and Recreation

Lola Skolnik, chair of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), followed with a report on the activities of her committee, including PRAB’s role in the evaluation of contribution group requests. She noted that PRAB, with 11 members, is the second largest advisory group. She said PRAB was interested in having a worksession with council to consider youth sport programs in Greenbelt.

Ongoing issues include discussions relating to playground surface materials and an update of the Lake Park Master Plan (approved about 20 years ago), including beaver management. Skolnik also reported that PRAB member Betty Sonneveldt is developing a training program to assist contribution groups in making their annual requests for city support. Current board thinking is that attendance at a training session would be required for successful funding.

Considering that PRAB looks at programs of the city parks and the Recreation Department, her last item was a suggestion to council to evaluate the impact of the recent State of Maryland increases for the minimum wage. PRAB’s concern was that these increases come close to the hourly rates of other full and part time employees in the department, warranting increases for some of them.

CRAB Petition

Richard Ransom, chair of the Community Relations Advisory

Board (CRAB), focused on a recent referral from council for CRAB to evaluate a petition last year relating to creation of a new advisory committee on inclusion and diversity. Ransom said this has led CRAB to assess whether they should be doing more. He said that they could be looking at city hiring patterns and service delivery, evaluating CRAB’s charter and considering meeting more regularly, rather than just when they had a specific community relations referral.

Forest Preserve

Robert Snyder, chair of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB), reported on interesting and contentious issues recently on their agenda. He felt the situation has improved over the last several months but that more is needed in terms of having a more formal conduct of the board’s meetings and more adherence to Robert’s Rules of Order. The board has issued eight reports, he said, three of which related to community gardens proximate to the forest preserve boundaries. The other reports related to the city Forest Preserve Assessment and choosing a consultant expert on urban forest preservation. Another board action was a request to council for strengthening the Code of Conduct for members of advisory bodies, currently under council review.

Planning

Jeff Lemieux represented the Advisory Planning Board (APB), describing APB’s activities relating to completion of the group’s Greenbelt Bike Master Plan and the city’s consideration of economic development policy during the past year. Lemieux also

inquired regarding the status of WSSC plans for the water tower north of the Boxwood neighborhood. Council and city staff said the tower is under consideration for rehabilitation and would not be torn down.

Following board and committee reports a general discussion began between councilmembers and members of the groups. Jordan noted that running effective meetings should apply to all city boards and committees. He wondered if there might be interest in a workshop on the topic.

Ausema said it would be helpful for the groups to understand what a referral is, as well as receive guidance on what a group can or cannot do, to which Kressler agreed.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts opined that a trained parliamentarian for larger meetings could be helpful. Skolnik, however, felt the chair should ensure that everyone has an opportunity to speak.

Councilmember Edward Putens noted that, “respect for each other is a basic need for a smooth meeting.” He also said the role of staff liaison to each board or committee was important, which led to the question of who takes minutes at the meeting.

The answer from attendees was mixed. City staff prepare minutes at some meetings and at others a board or committee member takes the minutes. Davis suggested that minutes be brief and she also thought that it might be a good idea to offer candidates for positions on advisory boards and committees the opportunity to attend meetings prior to the time council appoints them.

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local governments.

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked why Pepco expenditures were expected to go up despite the city's using less electricity after adopting energy-saving initiatives. Williams replied that the city's contract runs out in June and that costs are expected to go up.

McLaughlin added, "Our actual usage has gone down but we don't control the rates. What this means is that we need to shop around again."

FY 2016 Preview

McLaughlin said the city budget has been about \$25 to 25.5 million since FY 2009 and he expects the budget for FY 2016 to continue to be about the same. What had appeared early-on to be a substantial increase in property assessments, he said, has leveled out. Reflecting national trends toward renting, the bulk of the increase is in the value of rental apartments. Owner-occupied housing is down, he added.

He said the biggest wild card in the budget had been what the new governor would do with the State Highway User revenue and that about \$200,000 will now have to be removed from

revenues. He also pointed out that demands on the city's capital funds will be heavy in the near future because of the commitment to Greenbelt Lake dam repairs, street resurfacing needs and initiatives to be implemented from the pedestrian and bicycle master plan — all in combination with low fund balances.

Other areas with potential cost increases include health insurance, known to have gone up for local governments already though negotiations, and a possible increase in the minimum wage.

Source?

In response to a question from Davis about where money was coming from for several new initiatives council was hoping to fund, McLaughlin said that one area of savings has been a flat-lining of the Police Department budget caused by a large number of retirements. Since public safety is the largest segment of the budget, this reduction is significant, he added.

Councilmember Leta Mach asked about positions recommended by the organizational assessment study undertaken last year. McLaughlin answered that an additional information technology person had started mid-year.

Mach suggested keeping a list of the additional staff recommended for the city manager's office, which she thought essential for increased productivity in administration.

Herling asked when it might be possible to begin funding a position in economic development. McLaughlin said the city is seeing significant increases in real estate sale prices and that, combined with reassessments now underway, there is reason to anticipate an increase in property tax revenue impacting the FY 2017 budget. Then the city may be able to begin doing things it has put off, although he cautioned that council has mentioned cutting back the last tax increase as a priority. The city has also kept up contributions to its reserve funds but not increased them as intended, which could eventually catch up with the city.

In conclusion, the city manager said he thought FY 2016 would be an improvement over FY 2014 and FY 2015 but the outlook could still be better. The balance between good news and bad news, he said, seems to be leaning toward good news, but "time will tell."



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Assault
February 3, 3 p.m., 7400 block Morrison Drive. Two men walking down the street saw two women and a man walking nearby. One of the two men said something inappropriate to the women, at which time the man with them assaulted both men by punching them. One was transported to Doctors Community Hospital for treatment of his injuries. The other refused treatment for minor injuries. The man with the women is described as being black, 5'7" to 6'2" tall with a thin build and short black hair, wearing a black jacket and black jeans.

Identity Theft
February 3, 6 p.m., unit block Crescent Road. A resident's personal information was used to file a state tax return in an attempt to receive money intended for that resident.

February 4, 7:30 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A resident's personal information was used to file a state tax return, receiving money that was intended for the resident.

DWI/DUI
January 31, 4:20 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue near Cherrywood Lane. A 23-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with alcohol- and traffic-related charges as a result of a traffic accident investigation. She was re-

leased on citations pending trial.

Counterfeit Money
February 3, 4:10 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A counterfeit bill was passed at the Shell FoodMart.

Theft
January 29, 5:31 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Cash, a video game player and video games were taken from a home. The resident stated that several maintenance workers had been left alone inside the apartment to do work.

February 2, 8 a.m., 6500 block Springcrest Drive. A stove was taken from a vacant residence.

Trespass
January 30, 2:40 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 64-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Franklin Park Apartments after having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism
January 31, 4:15 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A woman said that juveniles threw an unknown object at her bedroom window, shattering it. All three are described as males, 5' to 5'2" tall. One is further described as Latino with a thin build wearing a yellow jacket; the second as black with a thin build wearing

glasses; and the third as having a thin build.

Vehicle Crime
Three vehicles were stolen. A green 2-door 1996 Honda Accord with Md. tags 1BV4972 was taken from the 6000 block Cherrywood Court. A blue 2000 Chevy Tahoe with Md. tags 701M779 was taken from the 6000 block Greenbelt Road, and a green 2006 Chevy Tahoe with Md. tags 6BH6336 was taken from the 7900 block Brooks Place.

One vehicle was recovered. A 1997 2-door Honda Civic reported stolen January 5 from the 7400 block of Morrison Drive was recovered February 3 by Prince George's County police in the 5600 block of Ruatan Street, Berwyn Heights. No arrests were made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the 6700 block Village Park Drive (rear Florida tag CYJJ21) and in the 7800 block Somerset Court (rearview camera removed from the rear tag area).

Thefts from three pickup trucks in the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace occurred on February 4. A generator was taken from the bed of one pickup. Two others had locked storage areas broken into, from which construction tools and a metal bending device were taken.



PHOTO BY MATT INZEO

The Democratic Club Board includes, from left to right: Nicole Williams, Darryl Pennington, Jane Ross, Del. Anne Healey, Kathleen Shaw, Katy Pape, J Davis, Konrad Herling, Austin Henry, Keith Bare. Back row: Emmett Jordan, Rosemary Bell. Not pictured but also serving on the Board, Joyce Harvest.

Democratic Club Activities

by Konrad Herling

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club rings in a new year with the passing of the presidential torch from Emmett Jordan to Nicole Williams. At December's holiday party, Delegate Anne Healey administered the oath for the new board officers and spoke of the challenges of working with a new House of Delegates and a new governor. While still smarting from the gubernatorial defeat, the emphasis of those present was on getting out a clearer, progressive message in a smart way that gives voters a positive reason to vote Democratic. Recent achievements in education, transportation and the environment were not effectively conveyed to voters this election cycle. As a result, turnout was down and there was a party change in Annapolis.

At its November and December meetings, the club discussed new approaches to connect with the community, evidenced by its co-sponsored event last March with Reel & Meal to show and discuss former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich's film, Inequal-

ity for All. The club will also co-sponsor the film Coal Country with Maryland's Sierra Club with support from the Reel & Meal and Greenbelt Climate Action Network. The event will occur Sunday, February 22, 2:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building. See next week's issue of the News Review for more details.

If interested in becoming a member, contact the club's new president, Nicole Williams, at 202-321-4207.

Konrad Herling is one of the Democratic club's vice presidents.

Botanic Garden Offers Hearty Casseroles

The Conservatory Garden Court of the U.S. Botanic Garden will be the site of a free cooking demonstration, Hearty Casseroles, on Thursday, February 19 at noon and again at 12:45 p.m.

Leading the demonstration will be Adrienne Cook, gardening and cooking writer, and Danielle Cook, M.S., nutritionist and cooking instructor.

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playing and watching sports. He picked up his love of writing from his mother, who is a writer, he said. "I realized I wanted to be a sports journalist after watching Mike & Mike In The Morning on ESPN. They were going through a segment where they were announcing all of the journalists that worked at ESPN who graduated from Northwestern and Syracuse. Something hit me ... that is what I wanted to do when I grew up," Tucker said.

Eli Zimmerman is a junior from Boston. He admits it took him a while to decide on a journalism major, but he is happy with his choice. "The ability to find and tell other people's stories, to not be tied down to one place and to have the opportunity to constantly see new things was too enticing to pass up," he said. Though he has not decided if he wants to be a reporter, Zimmerman said he hopes to solve some of the financial problems the journalism industry faces.

Erica Bonelli from Guilford, Conn., is a sophomore who is also majoring in international business. She has specific interests in international relations, international crises and business topics. "I went into journalism because I enjoy telling people's stories and specifically am interested in how money influences many global decisions," she said.

Naema Ahmed is a sophomore from Woodbridge, Va., majoring in both journalism and computer science. Fluent in Bengali, she is currently learning Spanish and Arabic. "I hope to eventually be a foreign correspondent or any sort of field reporter whose stories provide some sort of insight of the outside world to the American audience," Ahmed said.

Jacob Bell, who has previously written articles for the News Review, is from Frederick. A junior journalism and general biology major, he hopes to use his degrees as a science reporter working for Discovery or National

Geographic. "I also want to be a journalist, and specifically a science journalist, because I think there is such a need and such a power in being able to inform people about important issues that affect their lives," Bell said.

Karen Tang has written for the News Review since fall 2014. From Agawam, Mass., she is a journalism graduate student. She has been on the university's women's gymnastics team for five years and originally decided to obtain a master's in journalism because she needed to stay eligible for gymnastics. However, Tang said she has found a major she is passionate about. Her interests within journalism are photojournalism and videography. "I love the way you are able to create and tell stories with the pictures and videos you take," she said.

Charis Pannell is this semester's Dorothy Sucher Memorial intern with the News Review. She is a journalism student at the University of Maryland.

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Leeann Irwin and nephew Andrew Irwin Leventhal indicate where they plunged, right there in that cold, cold river. At right, plungers trod a treacherous path to reach the cold waters of the Potomac River.



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Polar Bears and Chesapeake Climate Action Take the Potomac Polar Plunge

by Leeann Irwin

On Friday, January 23, my nephew Andrew Irwin Leventhal and I plunged into the 37-degree Potomac River while the air temperature was 38 degrees in order to raise money to fight global warming. We were fetchingly dressed in matching black Washington Capitals jerseys. Because of high tide, strong winds and recent rains there was no beach to plunge from. The 200 or so plungers had a narrow entryway over boulders and muddy water. After changing back into warm clothes Andrew said: “It hurts and is hard to walk. It feels like pins and needles in my feet.” I just screamed the entire time. At the age of 12, Andrew was one of the youngest plungers. Doing a plunge was on his bucket list. Despite best intentions, our photographer lost us in the crowds so you just have to believe us that we plunged. Andrew is a Boy Scout and you know they are honest. In Greenbelt, I am a partici-

pant of Greenbelt Climate Change Network, a project of the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS). Joining us in the plunge were environmental activists from Virginia, Maryland and Washington D.C. Congresswoman Donna Edwards joined us for the rally. In the crowds there were two polar bears, a man holding up

a plunger, a purple superhero, a slew of staff from Community Forklift (a nonprofit that recycles building materials), Sierra Club members and Franciscan Action Network who wore their long flowing brown robes into the Potomac. Friends sponsored us to raise money to fight global warming, so we plunged for Chesapeake Climate Action Network.

CPAE Photography Club Meets Tuesday

Photography buffs are invited to attend and participate in The Underexposed, the photography club sponsored by College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE). Meetings are on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park (corner of Knox and Dartmouth Roads, near the Metro). For more information visit facebook.com/groups/photo20740.



CPAE Book Club: Women’s Nonfiction

A discussion of literary nonfiction by women will be held by the College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) Book Club on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House. The book to be discussed February 17 is Love, InshAllah: The Secret Love Lives of American Muslim Women by Nura Maznavi & Ayesha Mattu. The Old Parish House is at 4711 Knox Road, College Park (corner of Knox and Dartmouth Roads, near the Metro). Parking passes may be obtained at the door.

Eco Volunteer Opportunities

There are two opportunities this weekend to beautify Greenbelt. Saturday, February 14 is Eco Steward Discovery Day. Volunteers and Eco Stewards (children ages five to nine) will work together with Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to label plants at the Springhill Lake Food Forest, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. There will also be an activity to transform two-liter plastic bottles into terrariums. Monday, February 16 is Tree Protection Ecological Restoration Workday at Buddy Attick Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will remove English ivy from trees with hand shears and place wire caging around slow-growth tree trunks to prevent beaver damage. RSVP for these opportunities by emailing volunteer@CHEARS.org or calling Erin Josephitis at 240-542-2168.



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Saturday, February 14 Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m, Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Djes-ben plays bebop jazz, bossa nova and world music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Join the Deaf Brunch on Sunday, February 15 from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Kids Open Mic from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Fez Tones Hafra perform Middle Eastern music and belly dancing from 6 to 8 p.m.

Monday, February 16, Reel & Meal will feature the film Pay 2 Play from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17 is our monthly Poetry Open Mic from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, February 18 the monthly Pub Quiz will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.

WAGS to Hold Adoption Event

WAGS (Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter) will hold an adoption event from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, February 14 and 15 at PetSmart, 7475 Greenbelt Road. Several animals from the City of Greenbelt Animal Shelter will be on hand to meet prospective adopters. The event is part of PetSmart Charities National Adoption Weekend.

Photos and profiles of animals are posted on the shelter's website www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter and Facebook page. Currently the shelter is waiving adoption fees on all adult cats. For more information, contact animal control officer Lauren Crossed at lcrossed@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-508-7533.

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